Year	Delhi	Mumbai
2003-04	190592	186650
2004-05 (upto 31.1.05)	119035	151424

Creation of a Knowledgeable Commission

313. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to create a Knowledgeable Commission to strengthen the roots and sinews of our capacity and capability building so that we are better prepared for the challenges of the 21st century;

(b) if so, whether the main purpose of this Commission would be a catalyst in setting ambitious knowledge targets and enabling agencies to attain these; and

(c) if so, by when the Commission is likely to function and the details of other members of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Prime Minister has announced the intention of the Government to set up a National Knowledge Commission. This is currently under finalization.

(b) Would be detailed when finalized.

(c) Would be detailed when finalized.

Private Companies using their own Cables

†314. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the decision awarded by TRAI in January, 2005, which would adversely affect the amount being received by BSNL and MTNL from ADC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government would consider on restricting the private companies from using their own cables;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) As per the terms and conditions of Licence Agreement private operators are authorised to build up their own infrastructure within their designated service area.

P.C. penetration

315. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the PC penetration in the country;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with it; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take to increase the PC penetration in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) PC penetration in the country is estimated to be 14 nos. per one thousand population.

(b) and (c) Government has taken a number of steps for growth of hardware sector and for increasing the PC penetration in the country. The steps taken by Government are given in the enclosed Statement.